

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: May 19, 2010
POSITION: Neutral
SPONSOR: Department of Fair Employment and Housing

BILL NUMBER: SB 1252
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BILL SUMMARY: Housing: Discrimination

This bill would provide conformity and eliminate conflict between state and federal housing discrimination laws and make technical changes to provide consistency throughout the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA).

FISCAL SUMMARY

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing indicates that any costs resulting from this bill would be minor and absorbable within existing resources.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the April 20 version are minor and do not alter our position.

COMMENTS

Existing state law, the FEHA, prohibits housing discrimination based upon specified protected characteristics. The FEHA also specifies civil penalty amounts assessed by the Fair Employment and Housing Commission for violation of these discrimination laws. Lastly, existing law prohibits housing discrimination based on age, except as allowed for senior citizen housing.

This bill would do the following:

- Add "source of income" as a characteristic protected from housing discrimination throughout the FEHA to conform to Chapter 590, Statutes of 1999 (SB 1098, Burton) and Chapter 568, Statutes of 2004 (SB 1145, Burton) which only added "source of income" to one section of the FEHA.
- Define "source of income" consistent with the definition enacted by Chapter 590, Statutes of 1999.
- Amend the maximum allowable civil penalty to conform to the federal Fair Housing Amendments Act (FHAA).
- Clarify that housing admission preferences based on age, imposed in connection with a federally approved housing program, do not constitute housing discrimination based on age.

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	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
Code/Department	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
Agency or Revenue	CO	PROP							Fund
Type	RV	98	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	Code
1700/Fair Employ	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0001
1700/Fair Employ	SO	No	-----	No/Minor	Fiscal Impact	-----			0890
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0001	General Fund								
0890	Trust Fund, Federal								